





IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Gridley et al.

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

PREPARING TIRE TREAD FOR A

RETREAD TIRE

Appl. No.: To Be Determined

Filing Date: To Be Determined

Examiner: To Be Determined

Art Unit: To Be Determined

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service's "Express Mail Post" Office To Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated below and is addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231. EL289242187US (Express Mail Label Number) Teri Hoefd (Printed Name) (Signature)

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box PATENT APPLICATION Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is the nonprovisional utility patent application of:

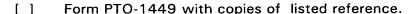
Jason L. Gridley Estes M. Daugherty Paul J. Conder

Enclosed are:

[]

[X]	Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (19 pages).
[X]	Informal drawings (5 sheets, Figures 1-5).
[]	Declaration and Power of Attorney (pages).
[]	Assignment of the invention to Bandag Incorporated.
[]	Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.
[]	Check in the amount of \$40.00 for Assignment recordation.
[]	Small Entity statement.

Information Disclosure Statement.



The filing fee is calculated below:

3 4 11 2	Claims as Filed	1	ncluded i Basic Fee		Extra Claims		Rate		Fee Totals
Basic Fee	•						\$690.00		\$690.00
Total Claims:	21	-	20	=	1	×	\$18.00	=	\$18.00
Independents:	3		3	_ =	0	×	\$78.00	=	\$0.00
If any Multiple Dependent Claim(s) present:				+	\$260.00	=	\$0.00		
							SUBTOTAL:	=	\$708.00
[]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):						=	\$0.00	
					TOT	AL F	ILING FEE:	=	\$708.00

- [] A check in the amount of \$708.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- [X] The required filing fees are not enclosed but will be submitted in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.
- [] The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date January 27, 2000

FOLEY & LARDNER Firstar Center

777 East Wisconsin Avenue

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202-5367

Telephone:

(414) 297-5730

Facsimile:

(414) 297-4900

Alistair K. Chan

Attorney for Applicants

Registration No. 44,603